

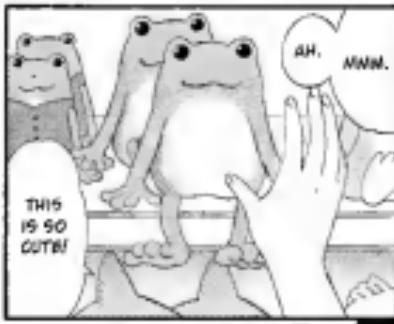
Chapter 3 The Scorpion and the Frog













"WHEN THE FROG GOT TO THE CENTER OF THE RIVER, HE FELT AN EXCRUCIATING PAIN IN HIS BACK."

"THE FROG WAS CONVINCED, AND AFTER LETTING THE SCORPION CRAWL ONTO HIS BACK, HE STARTED TO SWIM."

I WON'T STING YOU. AFTER ALL, IF I DID THAT, I WOULD DROWN AND DIE, TOO.

UH... I'M SORRY.

WHY?
WHY DID YOU STING ME?
YOU'RE... GOING TO DIE, TOO...

IS JUST MY NATURE.

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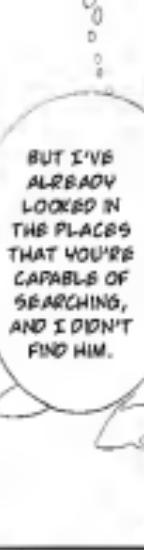
STARTLED

GOHONGI!
LOOK,
LOOK!















SHE IS
A KID.























IF
THOSE
THREE
FIND OUT
THAT I
HELPED
SOMEONE
IN
DRAGON'S
BEARD...

BUT...
WHAT'S
GONNA
HAPPEN TO
THIS GUY
IF I JUST
IGNORE
HIM?

AN, MAN,
DAMNIT,
WALK
FASTER,
OULD
YOU! /



SONNAM
P
REALLY
IT
WOULDN'T
BE GOOD
FOR
ANYONE
TO SEE
ME LIKE
THIS...

WHAT IF
MANOME-
SAN OR
KATSURA
OR MEI
SEES ME?







I'M
TSUKASA.



